

Honorable Chairman Powell,
Respectfully urge your Commission to reject the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) petition 04-160 that seeks to stop XM from providing XM Instant Traffic & Weather.

I'm not an XM subscriber, but I am a SIRIUS subscriber, 25-year active duty military member, taxpayer and quite frankly I would prefer my tax dollars be spent elsewhere. Let the consumer not a regulatory commission or a Capital Hill lawmaker decide what I listen to as a paid subscriber to terrestrial radio.

Traffic and weather information provided by my satellite radio provider is a welcomed addition, no longer do I have to search from 88-108 MHz, listen to countless commercials to find the information I seek. This is especially useful when traveling and entering a new metropolitan area, traffic information is at my fingertips, available to me instantly, I can focus on driving rather than searching. I can't emphasize this aspect enough, this is major improvement in the way traffic information is provided to the end user!

This feeble attempt by the NAB to block XM from providing local traffic and weather is in my opinion is a first effort to suppress the growing terrestrial radio market, what is next a petition to stop the broadcast of the local NFL games on SIRIUS? Bottom line this is not new ground for the NAB, they have a history of attempting to impede progress; television and FM radio comes to mind.

In closing I again ask your commission to reject petition 04-160.

Sincerely,

Alan Hansen